

Introduced by Senator Lieu

February 18, 2011

An act to amend Section 145 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to professions and vocations.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 921, as introduced, Lieu. Professions and vocations: Department of Consumer Affairs.

Existing law establishes the Department of Consumer Affairs in the State and Consumer Services Agency. Existing law provides that the department is comprised of various state agencies that regulate specified professions and vocations. Existing law sets forth the Legislature's findings that unlicensed activity in the professions and vocations regulated by the department is a threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the State of California.

This bill would, instead, set forth the Legislature's findings that unlicensed activity in the professions and vocations regulated by the department is a dire and immediate threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the State of California.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 145 of the Business and Professions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 145. The Legislature finds and declares that:
- 4 (a) Unlicensed activity in the professions and vocations regulated
- 5 by the Department of Consumer Affairs is a *dire and immediate*

1 threat to the health, welfare, and safety of the people of the State
2 of California.

3 (b) The law enforcement agencies of the state should have
4 sufficient, effective, and responsible means available to enforce
5 the licensing laws of the state.

6 (c) The criminal sanction for unlicensed activity should be swift,
7 effective, appropriate, and create a strong incentive to obtain a
8 license.